Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Is it not necessary to have it examined by anybody else?

PRESIDENT.

The answer is:—"It does not seem necessary," and you ask: "Is it not necessary"? That is only a difference of opinion.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

"There was no necessity to have it examined by a competent Sanitary Authority, as a suitable site has since been pitched upon".

PRESIDENT.

Your question is whether it was not found necessary, and the answer is "No".

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Will the Hon'ble Member kindly let me know why they considered it not necessary?

PRESIDENT.

The question is one of spending more money on another site. That makes them feel that it is not necessary. Government do not agree with you. That is all.

In-patients, cooks, diet, etc., in Hospitals.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

287 Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) The number of in-patients admitted into the various Hospitals of the State, and to what castes and sects they belong;

(b) The total number of cooks employed in the various Hospitals of the State, and to what castes and sects they belong;

(c) What steps, if any, the Government has taken to remove the hardships caused to the high caste Hindus by preventing them from availing themselves of the Sirkar diet given in Hospitals by not engaging high caste Hindu cooks;

(d) The number of in-patients and out-patients admitted into the General Hospital in 1098, 1099 and 1100, and how many of them are *bona fide* subjects of the Cochin State and how many of Travancore and British Malabar?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

(a) The information available is contained in the statement attached. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(b) 12. Five Nayars and seven Christians.

(c) Government will look into the matter, and do what they consider proper under the circumstances.

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(d) It is not possible to furnish all the information required, as the nominal registers are maintained for one year only, and the residence of out-patients is not registered. The available information is given in the sub-joined statement.

Year.	*In-patients.*	*Out-patients.*
1098	3,052	28,461
1099	3,055	38,551
1100	3,391	53,895

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

Answer to (a). How are these Nayar cooks distributed—I mean—in what all Hospitals?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

I am not in a position to answer. I may add for the information of this House that there was one Nayar in the Irinjalakkuda Hospital, and he was employed there after the discussions on the subject. Before that there was no Nayar in any Hospital. These Nayars are never satisfied with their position. This is the third time I am trying to induce them to stick up. I mean these Nayars come and leave after serving for two or three days.

PRESIDENT.

When I went to Irinjalakkuda, the Sub-Assistant Surgeon said that he has received a circular to employ Nayar cooks, as far as possible.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

Will the Government be pleased to give an answer to question (c)?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

I have issued a circular to employ Nayar cooks, as far as possible, whenever vacancies arise. I do not understand the scope of the question as regards the employment of Nayar cooks. There are Brahmin patients also. We cannot provide Brahmin cooks for Brahmins and Nayar cooks for Christians. So the best that I can do in the interests of the public is to supply caste cooks.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

Are registers maintained regularly every year?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Yes, and they are destroyed after one year, as per the provisions in the Standing Orders.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

May I know when they are generally destroyed after the lapse of one year? Is there any specific rule to the

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effect that they should be destroyed within such and such a period after the year?

PRESIDENT.

They can be destroyed at any time after the year. Sometimes they postpone it owing to pressure of other business.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

May I take it that the registers of 1100 are not destroyed?

PRESIDENT.

One year has not lapsed, and so they must be there.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

I want to know whether they are there.

PRESIDENT.

One year has not elapsed. They will be destroyed only after 1101.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

Are the names of the in-patients registered in those registers?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Yes.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

May I know how many Cochinites and Non-Cochinites are there?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The question has been answered in the last session. I have given the answer 2,932 and 464 in 1100.

The admission of paying patients as in-patients in Hospitals.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

288. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether it is a fact that paying patients are admitted as in-patients in the Hospitals of the State;

(b) Whether the private patients of the Doctors in charge of the Hospitals are given medicine from the Hospitals?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

(a) No.

(b) Medicines from the Hospitals are not dispensed to private patients subject to the following exceptions:—

(1) Members of His Highness' family;

(2) Officers in the service of the Government;

(3) Those who are not in a position to buy medicines;

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 287.)

Institutions	1100	European	Eurasian	Hindus	Muhammadans	Other classes
1. General Hospital ...	3,391	3	3	1,128	105	2,152
2. Women's do ...	1,542	...	14	398	85	1,045
3. Civil do ...	1,358	...	...	796	35	527
4. Maternity do ...	1,175	1	2	482	19	671
5. Central Jail do ...	17	...	...	9	2	6
6. Chalakkudi do ...	419	...	...	167	...	252
7. Kunnamkulam do ...	685	...	...	422	27	236
8. Irinjalakkuda do ...	399	...	...	237	16	146
9. Chittur do ...	86	...	...	68	3	15
10. Nemmara do ...	242	...	...	200	29	13

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 298.)

Dr. A. R. Menon's petition dated 11th August 1922.

I understand that there is a vacancy in the 'King Edward Memorial Hospital', Trichur. I request that the Diwan will be pleased to appoint me as an Honorary Surgeon to the said Hospital.

In this connection, I beg to suggest the conditions given below for the favourable consideration of the Diwan.

1. The Honorary Surgeon shall have all the powers and privileges of a Civil Surgeon directly under the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.
2. He shall receive no pay or allowance whatsoever.
3. He shall hold himself responsible to the Government as other Civil Surgeons are, in the matter of discipline, management and professional work.

I hold testimonials about character and professional efficiency from eminent Medical Men under whom I have served for more than six years.

If the Diwan will be pleased to confer upon me the surgeoncy, I shall spare no pains to secure the confidence of the public and of the Government.

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